

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held in the Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 7:03 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Medio presiding and the following members present: Mr. English, Mr. Mercado, Dr. Mounier, Ms. Rios and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: Mr. DiGiorgio, Mr. Jennings and Ms. Morello.

Also present: Dr. Gruccio, Superintendent, Mr. Frey and Mrs. Polof, Assistant Superintendents, Ms. Ludy, Board Secretary, Dr. Rossi, Executive Director of Personnel, Mr. DeSanto, Solicitor, press and public. Absent: None.

Mr. Medio announced that in compliance with the New Jersey meeting law commonly referred to as "The Sunshine Law," the Vineland Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be sent to the following, announcing time and place thereof, agenda, etc.: The Daily Journal, the Atlantic City Press, Clerk - City of Vineland, and Administrative Office Public Bulletin Board.

Flag Salute: Students from Durand and Sabater Elementary Schools led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution: Ms. Ludy read a resolution to convene into executive session for the following reasons as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10-4-12. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting. The nature of discussion is promotional transfer of secretarial employee. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity or person with respect to said discussion.

Mr. Mercado asked if discussion regarding the canopy project can be added to the executive session resolution. Mr. Medio said the canopy project will be a future public discussion. Mr. Mercado said there is a board vote on this tonight and there were some questions that were brought up this evening in an email. Mr. Medio explained that the project was challenged by the third place finisher. He said the first bid had to be thrown out because it was not complete.

Mr. Medio said we cannot accept the winning bid. Mr. DeSanto said whenever there is a supportable challenge it is investigated. He said Mr. DiDomenico concluded that the bid was defective. Mr. English asked why it was rejected. Mr. Medio said it was rejected because it was said that the bid was not complete and there was something left out of the bid that would have increased it. Mr. Mercado expressed his concern that this is a time sensitive matter for the safety of the children. He asked if there is any way to expedite correcting this problem or putting it out for rebid. Dr. Guccio said they were told by Mr. Weaver to reject the bid and they would move on it as soon as possible. Mr. DeSanto said the board may want to consider having a special meeting for this. Mr. English asked when the board was made aware of this. Dr. Guccio said she found out late last night that there was an issue and this morning she was advised to remove the item from the agenda.

Motion: Upon motion by, seconded by Mr. Mercado, seconded by Mr. English, the resolution was passed. All Members voted “yes”.

Special

Presentation (s): Dr. Guccio thanked the students from Durand and Sabater Schools for the flag salute. She introduced Mr. Don Robbins, Athletic Director, to honor a track student.

Mr. Robbins introduced Mr. Elliott DeShields the head coach of the boys’ track and field team.

Mr. DeShields said he has the pleasure of introducing our Group 4 State Champion, Mr. LeaQuan James Jr. He said LeaQuan is a great individual and athlete. Mr. DeShields said LeaQuan has received gold metals this year in the 400, 800, 1,600, and 3,200 relays. He said LeaQuan has a full scholarship to ASA University in Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Robbins introduced coaches Harry Silverstein and Vince Luciano to discuss the VHS Boys Tennis season.

Mr. Harry Silverstein thanked the Board especially President, Eugene Medio and Scott English on facilitating the recognition of our boys tennis team success. He commended Mr. English on his diligent efforts on make our tennis facility the best in the state.

Mr. Silverstein also thanked the parents, Assistant Coach Vince Luciano, and Mr. Don Robbins, Athletic Director. He reviewed highlights of the tennis team success and spoke about the academic achievement of each player.

Mr. Nathan Frey, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, introduced each of the Vineland High School Science Fair Winners.

Dr. Guccio thanked all of the parents who give so much to the schools helping at fund raisers and overseeing many projects. She said tonight we are recognizing the PTO Presidents. Dr. Guccio introduced each school principal to introduce and recognize their PTO Presidents. Dr. Guccio encouraged each parent to stay involved when their child attends the high school because we need them just as much there. She thanked Mr. DeWinne and Mr. Parrish, high school parents, for keeping an active group at the high school. Dr. Guccio said on behalf of the board and central administration she thanked the PTO Presidents for their relentless time and effort to help our children.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Mr. Mercado, seconded by Mr. English, the minutes were approved from May 1, 2013 and May 8, 2013. All Members voted “yes.” except Ms. Rios who was not present for the vote.

Report by Board Sec.  
And Correspondence: None

Solicitor’s Report: None.

Public Comment on  
Agenda Items: None.

Recommendations:

2. Items Proposed for Regular Agenda

- a. Report of the Secretary/Custodian of School Monies: Upon motion by Mr. Mercado, seconded by Mr. English, the reports of the Secretary and Custodian of School Monies for the month April of 2013, which are in agreement were approved as submitted and on file in the Minute Book, and the Board approved its monthly certification of budgetary major account fund status and the Board Secretary's monthly certification as on file with the Secretary. All Members voted "yes."
- b. Approval of Bills: Upon motion by Mr. Mercado, seconded by Mr. English, the bills were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted "yes" (\$6,300,054.24).
- c. Approval of FIRST reading of the following Policy/Regulation for discussion: Bylaw 0170 – Audio Video Participation by Board Members at public meetings (NEW)
- Mr. Medio asked if Regulation 5511.2 has something in it concerning the uniform hearing before the board. Dr. Gruccio said it does not and this regulation was taken off of the agenda because it did not need to be voted on.
- A motion was made by Mr. Mercado, seconded by Mr. English, to approve Bylaw 0170 Audio Video Participation by Board Members at Public Meetings. All Members voted "yes."

B. Proposed for review or discussion or adoption by Board Members: None.

Emergent Item:

- a. The Superintendent recommends approval of the settlement of the grievance filed by the Vineland Education Association relating to the teaching schedule of department heads in accordance with the terms of the agreement on file with the Board Secretary.

A motion was made by Mr. Mercado, seconded by Mr. English, to approve the settlement of the grievance filed by the Vineland Education Association relating to the teaching schedule of department heads in accordance with the terms of the agreement on file with the Board Secretary. All Members voted "yes."

Public:

Travis Amstutz

Mr. Amstutz thanked the board for approving him to be the boys head basketball coach for next year and is working very hard to make it a successful program. He also thanked the board for the reimplementation of the middle school theatre program.

Wendi Carlon-Wolf

Mrs. Wolf urged the board not to eliminate the supervisor of school health services position.

Beanna Gheysens

Ms. Gheysens urged the board to reconsider the redistricting.

Nicholas Griffey

Mr. Griffey expressed his concern in regards to the redistricting.

Lisa Magnenbricker

Ms. Magnenbricker spoke in support of the nursing supervisor.

Carrie Ellis

Ms. Ellis thanked the Board and Dr. Gruccio for recognizing the PTO's and their involvement and impact on our school, staff and children. She also spoke about the redistricting and the impact it would have on the children.

Stephanie Plummer

Ms. Plummer expressed her concern in regards to the redistricting.

Janice Bokma

Ms. Bokma spoke in support of the nursing supervisor.

Board Member

Remarks:

Mr. English spoke in support of Johnstone Elementary School. He thanked the students in Durand and Sabater School for the flag salute. Mr. English thanked Mr. DeShields and his assistant coaching staff. He also thanked all the science fair winners, PTO officers, and members of the public who spoke. Mr. English congratulated and wished the best of luck to the 2013 graduates.

Mr. Mercado said he would like to see the nursing supervisor put on next month's agenda. He thanked the Durand and Sabater students for the flag salute.

Mr. Mercado congratulated the science fair winners, student athletes, retirees, PTO officers and all staff members for an incredible school year. He wished the 2013 graduates the best of luck.

Mr. Ulrich thanked the student athletes and science fair winners. He said the schools could not function without the PTO members. Mr. Ulrich said he feels the nursing supervisor is a critical position that should be filled. He thanked all staff members for having an impact on our students. Mr. Ulrich congratulated the 2013 student body.

Dr. Mounier said he will never cease to be surprised at the ease and comfort that this board exercises in spending other people's money when there are other economical alternatives.

Ms. Rios echoed all of the comments made by Mr. Ulrich. She suggested holding board meetings at the schools for variation.

Report/Remarks by  
Board President:

Mr. Medio said there have been meetings between the school board and city government in attempts to work together. He said one of the first things we looked at was the donation of approximately \$20,000 to the lighting project at the Romano football field, which the students use. Mr. Medio said the field hockey program would be able to use the field during the spring and summer.

The board retired to executive session at 9:15 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:01 p.m.

Dr. Gruccio pulled 1.h from the agenda.

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned the meeting by voice vote at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherie Ludy  
Board Secretary

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